WHEREAS, International Women's Year, and its World Plan of Action, have focused attention on the problems of women throughout the world, and have pointed to the need for the evaluation of the concerns which American women have in terms of their rights; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the United States to review the contributions of women to our country to assess progress toward equality between men and women, to address the role of women in economic, social, cultural, and political development, to assess the participation of women in strengthening world peace; and,

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has directed that the first National Women's Conference, preceded by State meetings, shall be held to evaluate the status of women; and,

WHEREAS, The National Women's Conference and the South Dakota State Women's Meeting have been directed by the United States Congress to identify the barriers that prevent women from participating fully and equally in all aspects of national life, and to develop recommendations for means to remove such barriers; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota State Coordinating Committee, convened by the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, has set June 17 and 18, 1977, at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, for the South Dakota State Women's Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, The First South Dakota State Women's Meeting to fully assess the contributions, roles, status and concerns of each and every woman in the State of South Dakota deserves official recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 1977, as

SOUTH DAKOTA [illegible]

South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-seven.

R. F. Kneip

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Hersett

LORNA B. HERSETT, SECRETARY OF STATE

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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